

Application No. 10/723,796  
Response to Final Office Action

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Applicant(s): Yoshihiro YAMAGUCHI et al

Serial No. : 10/723,796

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For : PLASMA CUTTING PROCESS  
AND MACHINE

Art Unit : 3742

Examiner : Mark H. Paschall

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed  
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January 17, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1 and 3-5  
are amended, and claim 2 is maintained.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Amendment (9)

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